

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1955 - HB 2364

March 10, 2016

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the *Tennessee Scenic Vistas Protection Act* prohibiting the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation (TDEC) from issuing or renewing a permit, certification, or variance that would allow surface coal mining operations to alter or disturb any ridgeline. Authorizes any surface coal mining operation permit, certificate, or variance issued or granted prior to the effective date of this bill to be renewed under certain specified circumstances. Exempts from the provisions of the Act surface coal mining activities that are incidental to underground mining as determined by the Commissioner and otherwise permissible under federal and state law.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Based on the information provided by TDEC, the provisions of this bill are not anticipated to result in a reduction in the number of permit applications received by the Department.
- Any impact on coal severance tax collections is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Krista M. Lee".

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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